

"Custer's Revenge' Games Returned

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The manager of an Oklahoma City adult bookstore said Monday afternoon that he has returned a shipment of "Custer's Revenge," a controversial adult video game.

Kevin Webber, manager of the Adult Toy Box, 1184 N MacArthur, said a shipment of 24 of the games was returned to the manufacturer after protests and an organized picket Monday morning by representatives of the Native American Center.

"It's not worth the hassle," said Webber. The game depicts a naked Gen. George Custer eluding a flurry of arrows in order to seduce a naked Indian woman, who is tied to a stake.

"We buried Custer once in 1876 and now we have beat him again," said Frances Wise of the Native American Center.

Ms. Wise said that non-Indians would monitor the store for another year to make sure the game is not placed back on the shelves.

Of the agreement, Ms. Wise said, "These people have no morals, no scruples. And if you don't have morals or scruples you probably don't mind lying."

Webber, however, said the store has no intention of trying again to sell the game.

The protesters, who carried large placards for more than two hours in the rain outside the store, contended that the game promoted racism and sexism.



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"Rape is rape," said Casey Camp-Horinek, one of the protesters.

"Rape is a nasty, ugly thing and it shouldn't be encouraged."

Ms. Wise said the group did not harass customers and was not there only for publicity.

"We stayed out here until almost two o'clock. These harsh weather conditions do not eliminate our concern," she said.

The state House of Representatives recently approved a bill to include adult video games in the list of items covered by state obscenity laws.

"I can understand the outrage of the Indian people," said state Rep. Enoch Kelley Haney, D-Seminole, author of the bill.

"In reality, Indian people suffered this kind of abuse and people don't want to be reminded of it," Haney said.

Webber said that the store has been out of the game since Christmas, when 33 were sold for \$59.95 each. He said customer orders already had been taken for more than half of the returned shipment.



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Stuart Kesten, the president of the U.S. company that marketed the Hong Kong-made game, said Saturday that the game is no longer manufactured and that his company has stopped promoting it.

Webber said that he had heard rumors that the game was no longer manufactured.

"I really don't care. I'm not going to sell it anymore. I don't think the game was any worse than the ones children play at the arcade," Webber said. "If the game didn't use Custer's name and the woman didn't look like an Indian, I doubt if there would have been any protest."

Webber has two other adult video games in stock and seven others will be available by the end of the week. He said those games don't deal with minority groups. BIOG: NAME:

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